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SUBJ: PROPOSED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR IRAQ

REF: BAGHDAD 71; STATE 40940

1. USINT APPRECIATE DEPT' S RAPID RESPONSE TO SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSAL AND HAS FOL COMMENTS ON STATE 40940.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AFME HANDLE PROGRAM, BUT BELIEVE GOI WOULD SEE OFFER THAT INCLUDED AFME AS ADMINISTRATOR AS USG RUSE TO GET AFME BACK IN BUSINESS IN IRAQ. GOI HAS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE AT SENDING STUDENTS TO U. S. AND IS HANDLING ADMINISTRATION FOR SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF THOSE NOW THERE. TWO MORE UNLIKELY TO ADD TO BURDEN. WE RECOGNIZE SOME OF WORK WOULD FALL ON USINT, BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE EXCESSIVE AND BESIDES ONE OF PURPOSES OF PROPOSAL IS TO ESTABLISH LINKS BETWEEN USINT AND GOI. IN BALANCE, USINT RECOMMENDS AGAINST USE OF AFME.

3. CONCUR WITH PARA 2. A AND 2. C.

4. RE PARA 2. B AND 2. D; IT SHOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO FIND TWO QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WITH STRONG ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITY. WHILE I BELIEVE BFS MUST HAVE RIGHT TO VETO ANY UNQUALIFIED CANDIDATE, IT IS PROBABLE THAT GOI WILL INSIST ON SELECTING CANDIDATES AND REFUSE TO PUT FORWARD PANEL OF SEVERAL FROM WHICH BFS SELECTS TWO.

5. FOL IS PROPOSED TEXT OF NOTE USINT WILL SEND TO GOI IF
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DEPT CONCURS: "..... HAS HONOR TO OFFER GOI TWO GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS FOR STUDY IN THE U. S. FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A GRADUATE DEGREE IN FIELDS OF ENGINEERING, AGRICULTURE OR COMPUTER SCIENCES. THE TWO FELLOWSHIPS WOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OU CANDIDATES HAVING A GOOD ACADEMIC RECORD, HAVING STRONG ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITY, BEING ACCEPTED BY AN APPROPRIATE UNIVERSITY, AND RECEIVING APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIP. NO CANDIDATE SHOULD BE SELECTED WHO HAD BEEN IN THE U. S. DURING PAST TWO YEARS. THE FELLOWSHIPS WOULD NOT COVER COST OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.

" IF THE APPROPRIATE MINISTRY IS INTERESTED IN ACCEPTING THIS OFFER, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE SELECTION PROCESS BEGIN IMMEDIATELY SINCE THE TIME FOR PLACING STUDENTS IN UMEGP UNIVERSITIES FOR THE 1973-74 ACADEMIC YEAR IS NEARLY COMPLETED."
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